

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5, 8-10, 12-15, 18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,809,726 (hereinafter, “Kavanagh”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,106,307 (hereinafter, “Cok”). Claims 3-4, 6-7, 11, 16-17, 19-21 and 23-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Rejection of claims 1-2, 5, 8-10, 12-15, 18 and 22 under §103(a) over Kavanagh in view of Cok

Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 5 are patentable Kavanagh and Cok. For example, Kavanagh discloses determining whether the coordinates of each actual touchpoint 20 are valid in the decision step 38 in which the coordinates are valid, if they are within the acceptable coordinate boundary 18, and invalid if the coordinates are out of the acceptable coordinate boundary 18. In Kavanagh, only the shape of the acceptable coordinate boundary 18 is described as a circle, square, etc, but detailed description of the acceptable coordinate boundary 18 is not disclosed. Accordingly, the acceptable coordinate boundary 18 is just a fixed boundary at one side of the monitor. In an embodiment of the present invention, however, if the coordinates for the touchpoint are within the currently active interface and status bar, they are valid, and if the coordinates for the touchpoint are out of the currently active interface and status bar, they are invalid. Therefore, Applicant submits that the currently active interface and status bar of the present invention is totally different from the acceptable coordinate boundary 18.

Applicant submits rewritten allowable dependent claims 17, 19-21, 23 and 24, in independent form.

The remaining claims are allowable at least by virtue of the dependencies from claim 1 or 5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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